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The attached communications are forwarded for your information and such action as you consider advisable.

For the A. C. of S., G-2:

*L. R. Forney*

L. R. FORNEY,  
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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

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~~CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS - CASE REPORT: III-65932 dtd 18 October 1943.~~

SUBJECT: Eric Albrecht, Pvt.

CONCLUSION:

Investigation has disclosed no tangible evidence to question SUBJECT'S loyalty to the United States, although his loyalty may be considered questionable due to several unexplained incidents regarding his past, particularly the reason and the manner in which he obtained a military leave of absence and his departure from Germany for the United States.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of SUBJECT'S German background and in the absence of a satisfactory explanation as to the manner in which he obtained a military leave of absence from the German Army from 18 March to 1 January 1940, and the circumstances under which he departed from Germany for the United States during May 1939, it is recommended that the Undeveloped Leads be investigated and SUBJECT be subsequently interrogated to determine his loyalty to the United States.

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File No. <u>IF-65932</u>	Investigation requested by <u>Dir., I. Div. III S.C.</u>
Date <u>13 October 1943</u>	Office of origin <u>Dir., I. Div. III S.C.</u>
Subject: <u>ALBRECHT, Eric, Pvt.</u> <u>ASN 32968626</u> <u>1367 Service Unit</u> <u>Indiantown Gap Military</u> <u>Reservation, Indiantown Gap,</u> <u>Pennsylvania.</u>	Report made at <u>Camp Lee, Virginia</u>
	Report made by <u>William K. Riehl, Special Agent, CIC</u>
	Period covered <u>17 September 1943 - 30 September 1943</u>
	Character of investigation <u>Disaffection</u>
	Status of Case <u>Pending</u>

## REASON FOR INVESTIGATION:

On 17 September 1943 the Director, Intelligence Division, Third Service Command requested that a disaffection investigation be conducted of ERIC ALBRECHT, who was born in Germany, spent a large portion of his life there and may be pro-Nazi.

## DETAILS:

## 1. PERSONAL DATA:

Birth: 29 May 1907, Berlin, Germany.

Present Age: 36

Description: White; male; height, 68 inches; weight, 178 pounds; brown hair; ruddy complexion.

Characteristics: Intelligent, agreeable, serious.

Marital Status: Elizabeth Saacke Albrecht, 6319 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

## 2. MILITARY HISTORY:

Under compulsory military training program, granted specialist commission in German Army.

17 March 1938, after one day of active duty, granted military leave to 1 January 1940 to secure employment in the United States.

9 June 1943 inducted through local board #25, New York City.

11 June 1943 to 25 June 1943, inducted through local board #25 New York City, AFIS, GCP and transferred to ERC.

25 June 1943 to 23 July 1943 1st Rec. Co., 1222nd RC, Camp Upton, New York.

23 July 1943 to 11 September 1943, Company I, 10th A.M.T.R., Camp Lee, Va.

11 September 1943 to present, Company B, 10th A.M.T.R., Camp Lee, Va.

## 3. UNIT CHECK:

1st Lt. Charles F. Farrington, C.O., Co. B, 10th QMTR, Camp Lee, Va. (S) (Memo B)

1st Sgt. Hugh N. Robinson, Co. B, 10th QMTR, Camp Lee, Va. (N) (Memo C)

Cpl. Robert P. Branner, Co. B, 10th QMTR, Camp Lee, Va. (S) (Memo D)

Captain Elmer J. Noary, Co. I, 10th QMTR, Camp Lee, Va. (S) (Memo E)

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## DETAILS: (Continued)

## 3. UNIT CHECK: (Continued)

1st Sgt. C. W. Benson, Co. I, 10th QMTR, Camp Lee, Va. (U) (Memo F)

## 4. BARRACKS CHECK:

S/Sgt. Edison P. Phillips, Co. B, 10th QMTR, Camp Lee, Va. (S) (Memo G)  
 Cpl. Roy O. Bradley, Jr., Co. B, 10th QMTR, Camp Lee, Va. (S) (Memo H)  
 Cpl. Erwin G. Lipsky, Co. B, 10th QMTR, Camp Lee, Va. (S) (Memo I)  
 Pvt. Frederick Baum, Co. B, 10th QMTR, Camp Lee, Va. (S) (Memo J)

## ADVERSE INFORMATION:

1. SUBJECT was born in Germany in 1907 of German born father and American born mother. He came to the United States from Berlin when eight years old and returned to Germany with his mother during 1922. SUBJECT returned to the United States in May 1938 as a member of the staff of the American embassy in Berlin, was here six weeks and then returned to Germany. On 3 May 1939, SUBJECT, with his wife, again came to the United States and has been here since. SUBJECT's mother, father, and relatives are living in Germany and as SUBJECT is still a German citizen he is very hesitant about actually fighting Germany. Albrecht claims, however, that he will follow all orders. (This information was obtained in a report from Camp Upton, New York. Copies of this report have already been sent to the War Department)
2. SUBJECT's military records reveal that under the compulsory military training program he was granted a specialist commission in the German Army. 17 March 1938, after one day of active duty, he was granted military leave to 1 January 1940 to secure employment in the United States. (Memo A)
3. Informants state they would not trust SUBJECT although they have no substantial reason for their remarks. (Memos C and F)
4. SUBJECT received the last eight years of his education in Berlin, Germany. (Memo A)

## UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

A.C. of S, G-2, Military District, Washington, D.C.:

1. Family Data:  
Mrs. Elizabeth Albrecht, SUBJECT's wife, 6319 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland.
2. Address:  
1942 - 1943: 6319 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland.  
1938 - 1939: 1746 M. Street, West Washington, D.C.
3. References:  
Mr. James Rowan, Iron Age Magazine, Assistant Chief, WPB, Washington, D.C.  
Mr. Roger Peters, Attorney Consultant, Treasury Department, Wash., D.C.  
Mr. Alfred Bergman, Chief Ind. Info. Sec., War Department, Wash., D.C.
4. Police Check:  
Request check of local police, Washington, D.C.

A.C. of S, G-2, War Department, Washington, D.C.:

1. Employment: 1942 - 1943, War Department, Pentagon Building.  
Arlington, Virginia, Senior Consultant, \$450 per month.

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## UNDEVELOPED LEADS: (Continued)

A.C. of S., G-2, War Department, Washington, D.C. (Continued)

## 2. Police Check:

Information already received from the War Department mentions SUBJECT has been investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Military Intelligence Division, and Office of Naval Intelligence. Request that any information of record on SUBJECT with these agencies be obtained and also that the State Department records be checked.

Director, Intelligence Division, Second Service Command:

## 1. Employment:

1940 - 1942, Research Institution of America, New York City,  
Economist Editor \$300. monthly income.

## 2. Address:

1939 - 1942, 305 W. 74th Street, New York City.

## 3. References:

Carolus Schenke, 60 E. 66th Street, New York City. ✓

## 4. Police Check.

CREDIBILITY OF WITNESSES: See Memos.

## RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the case be marked "Pending" and that Undeveloped Leads be checked.

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Camp Lee, Virginia  
28 September 1943  
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~~MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:~~

SUBJECT: ERIC M. ALBRECHT  
ASN 32968626  
Company B, 10th Q.M.T.R.  
Camp Lee, Virginia

(A)

I

On 25 September 1943, Form 20, Service Record and 201 file of ERIC M. ALBRECHT was reviewed in connection with the investigation of SUBJECT who was suspected of disaffection.

II

The records revealed the following:

Name: Eric M. Albrecht; born: 29 May 1907, Berlin, Germany.  
Citizenship: German, entered the United States from Germany 1918, remained until 1923, returned to the United States after fifteen years, returned to Germany after 1938, for a six weeks visit, signed declaration of intention 1938, Washington, D. C. and returned to Germany until final entry into the United States May, 1939 and has resided here since.  
Description: White; male; height, 68"; weight, 175 pounds; brown hair; ruddy complexion.  
Father: Ernst Wilhelm Albrecht, 58 Schlossstrasse, Berlin, Germany; born Germany.  
Mother: Charity J. C. Albrecht, 58 Schlossstrasse, Berlin, Germany; born Minneapolis, Minnesota, U.S.A.  
Marital status: Married.  
Wife: Licelotte Spacks Albrecht, 6319 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, Md.  
Acquaintance: Carolus F. Schanke, 60 West 66th Street, New York City.  
Religious preference: Catholic.  
Education: 1931--four years post graduate course, Berlin Technology University, Germany. Study: Colloidal Chemistry, received B.S. degree, 1927.  
1927--four years Hindenburg College, Germany, Liberal Arts, received A.B. degree.  
1923--four years high school, Germany - academic.  
1919--eight years grammar school, Oakland, California.

SUBJECT speaks, reads and writes German fluently. Reads Dutch, Norwegian, Spanish and Swedish fairly well.

Main occupation: Economist; (1931-1939) as economist on staff of American Embassy in Germany, (1936-1939) as Chief Economist, coordinated work of a research staff, reports on statistics, analysis and

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criticism of various aspects of German legislation and industrial and economic life. (1942-1943) as senior industrial consultant, War Dept., Information Section, coordinated research and reports of a staff of 200 experts and assistants, final reports on German situation and prospects in essential industries, and production estimates and German economic and industrial War requirements, strong points and short comings.

Military history: 8 June 1943 inducted through local board #25, New York City.

11 June 1943 to 25 June 1943, inducted through local board #25 New York City, AFIS, GCP and transferred to IRO.

25 June 1943 to 23 July 1943 1st Rec. Co., 123rd AO, Camp Upton, New York.

23 July 1943 to 11 September 1943, Company I, 10th Q.M.T.R., Camp Lee, Va.

11 September 1943 to present, Company B, 10th Q.M.T.R., Camp Lee, Va.

Previous military history: Under compulsory military training program, granted specialist Commission in German Army.

17 March 1939, after one day of active duty, granted military leave to 1 January 1940 to secure employment in the United States.

Army General Classification Test: 112

Physical classification: General service.

Specification Serial No: Not assigned.

### III

The above information was taken verbatim from SUBJECT's military records.

*George A. Heisch*  
George A. HEISCH  
Agent, CIC.

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29 September 1943  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

SUBJECT: ERIC H. ALBRECHT  
ASN 32968626  
Company D, 10th Q.M.T.R.  
Camp Lee, Virginia

(B)

I

1st Lt. Charles F. Farrington, unit check, Commanding Officer, Company D, 10th Q.M.T.R., Camp Lee, Virginia, was interviewed on 23 September 1943 in connection with the investigation of SUBJECT who is suspected of disaffection.

II

Informant stated in substance:

SUBJECT has been under my command for approximately two weeks and is currently in my company while awaiting activation. I do not know anything of SUBJECT's military bearing inasmuch as he was trained in Company I of the 10th Q.M.T.R. which I believe is being activated at the present time.

I became cognizant of SUBJECT through his giving lectures in our Current Phase Orientation courses. SUBJECT was asked to lecture on Germany and Germany's position in the present war. From these lectures I have become aware of the fact that SUBJECT has a vast knowledge of the economic and political situation in Germany. I was favorably impressed with SUBJECT after having heard him give these lectures. He impresses me as being extremely intelligent, has a fine knowledge of the English language and is one who presents the subject matter in an interesting manner.

Because of these lectures, I became interested in SUBJECT and have called him into the Orderly Room and had a few casual conversations with him. From these conversations, I have learned that SUBJECT was born in Germany, has a broad education and is at the present still a citizen of Germany. He was also a member of the United States Embassy in Germany, working in the capacity of an economist. From this standpoint SUBJECT has had casual acquaintance with some of the German leaders. I also learned that SUBJECT is married and that his permanent residence is in Washington, D.C.

While under my command, SUBJECT has never been in any trouble and there has been nothing to occur whereby I could question his loyalty. I am of the opinion that SUBJECT is a trustworthy person and I would not hesitate to have him under my command in an overseas shipment even though we were fighting directly against Germany.

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SUBJECT is approximately 70" in height; weighs approximately 170 pounds and has dark wavy hair. From my limited observation, he appears to get along excellently with the other men, and the fellow trainees seem to accept SUBJECT favorably.

### III

It will be noted that Informant's knowledge of SUBJECT is extremely limited, confined to a period of two weeks. Even though Informant's knowledge is limited, this Agent is of the opinion that Informant was sincere in his statements regarding SUBJECT.

(C)

### I

1st Sgt. Hugh H. Robinson, Unit Check, Company B, 10th Q.M.F.R., Camp Leo, Virginia was interviewed on 25 September 1943.

### II

Informant stated in substance:

SUBJECT has been under my jurisdiction for approximately two weeks entering Company B from Company I of the 10th Q.M.F.R. Inasmuch as SUBJECT has a foreign background I have watched him very closely because I have always been suspicious of men of this type. In the short time that I have known SUBJECT I have learned that he was born in Germany as was his father, that his mother was born in the United States. SUBJECT at the present time is still a citizen of Germany and I believe that he has filed his first papers to become a naturalized citizen of the United States.

SUBJECT worked in the capacity of an economist for the American Embassy in Germany until 1939. He has a vast knowledge of German affairs and I believe that this knowledge was accumulated through his connection with the American Embassy.

In my short acquaintance with SUBJECT I have become aware of the fact that SUBJECT is intelligent, well educated and is one who displays the courtesies and manners of a well-bred person. SUBJECT appears to get along nicely with the other trainees, performs his work without any shirking and is a very cooperative person. I have also noticed that he is quiet, and is one who has to be drawn into conversation. He is approximately 70" in height, weighs 165 pounds, has dark eyes and dark wavy hair.

I may be prejudiced but I am of the opinion that SUBJECT is not fully Americanized, in that I believe that SUBJECT has a love for Germany but not for the Nazi regime. I feel as though I would not want to trust SUBJECT but I have no basis for this belief.

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SUBJECT has given lectures in our Current Phase Orientation course at the request of the officers of the regiment. In those lectures SUBJECT has discussed Germany's position both politically and economically in the present world conflict. I may say that SUBJECT's lectures have been accepted favorably by all who have heard them and that everyone seems to be impressed with his great knowledge of the European affairs. The only comparison that I have ever heard SUBJECT make has been to the effect that the German Army is much better disciplined than the United States Army, however, this comparison was not given in the sense whereby one would draw a conclusion to the effect that SUBJECT was talking favorably for Germany.

### III

It will be noted that Informant did make the statement that he was suspicious of men with foreign backgrounds. This has lead this Agent to believe that Informant's statements are probably prejudiced.

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### I

Cpl. Robert P. Branner, Unit Check, Company B, 10th Q.M.F.B. Camp Lee, Virginia was interviewed on 26 September 1943.

### II

Informant stated in substance:

I have known SUBJECT for approximately three weeks and from my limited contact I have learned that SUBJECT is still a German citizen and has only been in the United States for a short period of time. SUBJECT has never discussed his background to me but it was revealed to me that he does hold an officer's commission in the German Army, and received this alleged commission through his education.

I have noticed that SUBJECT has clean personal habits, is cooperative, appears to be intelligent, has a good education and is one who gets along splendidly with his fellow trainees.

I became aware of SUBJECT through his giving lectures on conditions in Europe and I was favorably impressed. SUBJECT's lectures have been well accepted by every one who has heard him, and I personally was enlightened on affairs in Germany. From these lectures it appears that SUBJECT does have a vast knowledge of Europe, both geographically and economically, and must have held some high position in order to gain such knowledge.

From my limited observation I feel as though SUBJECT is loyal to the democratic policies of the United States and I would not hesitate to be sent overseas with him. I also believe SUBJECT to be a discreet person because he has always exercised tact and has been extremely quiet to the point where he had to be drawn into conversation.

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Since I have been acquainted with SUBJECT he has given no trouble and the company records are also clear.

III

Informant's knowledge of SUBJECT is limited to a period of two weeks and even though this period of acquaintance has been short, it is the opinion of this Agent that Informant was sincere in his statements concerning SUBJECT.

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I

Capt. Elmer J. Henry, Unit Check, Company I, 10th C.M.T.R., Camp Lee, Virginia was interviewed on 28 September 1943.

II

Informant stated in substance:

I was SUBJECT's Commanding Officer for a period of approximately two months and during this time I was impressed with SUBJECT's intelligence, and broad knowledge of Europe, especially Russia. SUBJECT was born in Germany, is a college bred man, speaks the German language fluently and has a working knowledge of the Russian language. SUBJECT has stated to me on occasion that he has relatives still residing in Germany but as to the exact relation, I have never been informed. From hearsay, it was revealed to me that one of his alleged relatives is associated in a high capacity with the Krupp Ammunition Works in Germany.

SUBJECT has discussed politics and from these discussions I have learned that SUBJECT is an anti-Nazi and pro-Russian. SUBJECT revealed to me that he spent approximately two years in Russia as an adviser to some Chinese Army officers. SUBJECT appears to be extremely interested in the Russians from an industrial standpoint. I do not believe that SUBJECT is in favor of any dictatorship form of government even though he has shown an interest in the Russian industrial condition. I am of the opinion that SUBJECT is very much enthused about our democratic form of government and that his loyalty to the United States should never be questioned. I would be more than willing to have SUBJECT under my command even to fighting against Germany because I feel as though SUBJECT would be an asset under these conditions rather than a detriment.

On one occasion SUBJECT did reveal to me that he was employed by the American Embassy in Berlin as an economist, and I assume that SUBJECT's broad perspective of the European affairs has come of this connection.

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While under my command SUBJECT has never been in any trouble and I have noticed that SUBJECT has not absorbed the military training too well but is a conscientious, cooperative, willing worker.

III

It is the opinion of this Agent that Informant was sincere in his statements regarding SUBJECT, although there may have been a slight amount of partiality shown due to the fact that Informant may have been over impressed by SUBJECT's vast knowledge of European affairs.

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I

1st Sgt. C. W. Benson, Unit Check, Company I, 10th QMTR, Camp Lee, Virginia was interviewed on 28 September 1943.

II

Informant stated in substance:

I have known SUBJECT for two months and during that time have had a few conversations with him. The reason for these conversations was due to the fact that I was informed that SUBJECT did possess a good knowledge of Europe and inasmuch as I have been inquisitive and interested in existing conditions in Europe, I sought out SUBJECT in order to satiate my desires for knowledge.

SUBJECT revealed to me that he was born in Germany and was employed by the American Embassy in Berlin as an economist's advisor. SUBJECT does have a knowledge of German affairs superior to anyone with whom I have come in contact, especially along industrial and economic lines and I am of the opinion that SUBJECT's knowledge of these conditions has come from his extensive travels and association with the American Embassy. SUBJECT has traveled in Russia and appears to be slightly pro-Russian, especially from the industrial standpoint. SUBJECT has commented favorably on the highly organized industrial conditions now existing in Russia.

SUBJECT is still a German citizen and has made application for American citizenship through my office. SUBJECT did make application for citizenship prior to his entry into the United States Army but when he found out that he could obtain it much easier in the army, did contact me to put through the necessary paper work. SUBJECT's parents are still residing in Germany and I believe that he did relate that his father-in-law is employed by the Krupp Ammunition Works in Germany.

SUBJECT is married and to the best of my knowledge his wife was born in Germany but is now residing in the United States.

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I feel as though SUBJECT is too well informed on European affairs and when I have conversed with him I formed the opinion that SUBJECT's talk sounded as though it was well rehearsed. For this reason I would not want to trust SUBJECT. Although there has never been any occasion to arise whereby SUBJECT's loyalty to the United States could be questioned, I am of the opinion that SUBJECT still has a great love for Germany. I am of the further opinion that SUBJECT is probably over impressed with his own intelligence and great knowledge of European conditions.

III

It is the opinion of this Agent that Informant is one who is prejudiced towards every person of a foreign background. On several occasions this Agent has had to interview Informant concerning like matters that exist in this case and on each occasion, has noticed that Informant does possess this trait.

*George A. Hirsch*  
GEORGE A. HIRSCH  
Agent, C.I.C.

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29 September 1943  
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SUBJECT: ERIC M. ALBRECHT  
ASN 22960626  
Company B, 10th Q.M.F.R.  
Camp Lee, Virginia.

(G)

I

S/Sgt. Wilson P. Phillips, Barracks Check, Company B, 10th Q.M.F.R., Camp Lee, Virginia was interviewed on 28 September 1943 in connection with the investigation of SUBJECT who is suspected of disaffection.

II

Informant stated in substance:

I have known SUBJECT but a short space of two to three weeks and he resides in a tent very close to mine. From my limited observation, I have noticed that SUBJECT is a high type man and is one who gets along with the other trainees very nicely. I have had a few casual conversations with SUBJECT but never has he revealed his background to me.

On one occasion I heard SUBJECT give a lecture in one of our Current Phase Orientation periods and from this lecture it was revealed to me that SUBJECT is well up on his current events. He appeared to have a well rounded out perspective of European affairs, especially Germany. Through the entire lecture SUBJECT's discussions were of such a nature that one would believe that a good American was giving the lecture. What I mean by this latter statement, is that even though SUBJECT has a German background, he was discussing the conditions in Europe from an American point of view. I was favorably impressed with SUBJECT's lecture and in my opinion he is an intelligent, well educated person.

I know of nothing derogatory concerning SUBJECT and there has been no incident to occur whereby SUBJECT's honesty, loyalty and discretion could be questioned.

III

It is the opinion of this Agent that Informant was sincere in his statements concerning SUBJECT even though his knowledge of SUBJECT is limited to a period of two or three weeks.

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Cpl. Roy O. Bradley, Jr., Barracks Check, Company B, 10th Q.M.F.R., Camp Lee, Virginia was interviewed on 25 September 1943.

II

Informant stated in substance:

I have known SUBJECT for approximately three weeks and in this period of time have had a few casual conversations with him. I have heard SUBJECT give a lecture in our Current Phase Orientation course and from my casual conversations and this lecture have concluded that SUBJECT is intelligent, possesses a good education and is one who presents his talks in an interesting manner. In this discussion SUBJECT did discuss Italy and Germany and the whole trend of the lecture was favorable to United States policies.

From my limited knowledge I am of the opinion that SUBJECT is sincere and believes in the American democratic form of government. I have no reason to doubt his honesty, loyalty or discretion.

III

It will be noted that Informant's knowledge of SUBJECT is extremely limited, however, this Agent is of the opinion that the statements made were given in a sincere manner.

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Cpl. Erwin G. Lipsky, Barracks Check, Company B, 10th Q.M.F.R., Camp Lee, Virginia was interviewed on 25 September 1943.

II

Informant stated in substance:

I have known SUBJECT for three weeks and during this period have had but a limited association with him. I know nothing of SUBJECT's background nor have I ever questioned SUBJECT on this score.

I have heard SUBJECT give lectures on conditions in Europe and from these lectures became aware that SUBJECT was born in Germany and has been in the United States but a short period of time. I was favorably impressed with the manner in which SUBJECT did give his lectures and from the trend of thought that the SUBJECT displayed, I deem him to be a person who is against the Nazi regime and in favor of a democratic form of government comparable to that of the United States government.

I feel as though SUBJECT is loyal and would absolutely trust him in any given capacity. SUBJECT is one who is extremely quiet and has to be drawn into conversation.

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Informant's knowledge of SUBJECT is limited, however, this Agent is of the opinion that the statements made, were given in an honest and sincere manner.

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Pvt. Frederick Hahn, Barracks Check, Company D, 10th Q.M.T.R., Camp Lee, Virginia was interviewed on 28 September 1963.

II

Informant stated in substance:

I have known SUBJECT for approximately eight weeks and when I first came in contact with him I was resentful, inasmuch as I am a Jewish refugee from Germany (entered the United States in 1956) and SUBJECT is a German gentile. Of course, you can see why this resentment did exist inasmuch as my race has been persecuted by the Germans. When SUBJECT and I were shipped from Company I of the 10th Q.M.T.R. to Company B approximately two weeks ago, I became friendly with him - why, I do not know but from that time to the present, I have found SUBJECT to be the exact opposite to the opinion that I first formulated about him. SUBJECT is extremely intelligent and has a broad knowledge of current events. He also has a splendid education and I believe that he majored in Chemistry, getting his education in Germany.

SUBJECT was born in Germany and at present is not an American citizen, even though I do believe that he filed for naturalization. SUBJECT's father was born in Germany; his mother is American born. SUBJECT related to me that his parents and some other close relatives are still residing in Germany.

SUBJECT disclosed to me that he was employed by the American Embassy in Berlin and worked for a number of years in the capacity of an economist. From this position, SUBJECT did gain a vast knowledge of European affairs, especially Germany.

SUBJECT has discussed the different forms of government existing in the other countries in our Current Phase Orientation lectures and from this discussion I deem SUBJECT to be none other than a person who is in accord with the American democratic policies. Also from these discussions, I have become aware of the fact that SUBJECT is in favor of a German defeat. These lectures have been well accepted by all who have heard them. I know of no organizations that SUBJECT is affiliated with, however, I do know that he is a Roman Catholic.

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I have never heard SUBJECT state anything that is un-American and believe him to be loyal to the American way of living. On occasions, SUBJECT stated to me that he is in absolute opposition to the Nazi regime in Germany and I do believe that SUBJECT is sincere in his convictions.

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It is the opinion of this Agent that Informant was sincere in his statements concerning SUBJECT. It will be noted that Informant is a Jewish refugee and did have a great amount of resentment for SUBJECT when they first met, however, Informant did state that he changed his mind towards SUBJECT and did become friendly with him.

*George A. Hirsch*  
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Agent, C.I.O.

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CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS - CASE REPORT: MDW-1945m; 111-65932  
13 January 1944.

SUBJECT: ERIC H. ALBRECHT, ASN 32968626, 1367 Service Unit,  
Indianston Gap Military Reservation, Pennsylvania.

CONCLUSION:

This investigation does not definitely establish Subject's  
loyalty, although nothing derogatory was established. However,  
all sources indicate that Subject is opposed to the present re-  
gime in Germany.

ACTION TAKEN OR ACTION CONTEMPLATED:

None.

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File No. **MDW-1945m; III-65932**

Date **13 January 1944.**

Subject:

✓ **ERIC M. ALBRECHT, Pvt.,  
ASN 32968626, 1367 Service  
Unit, Indiantown Gap Military  
Reservation, Pa.**

Investigation requested by **Dir. of Int. Div. III Serv. C.**

Office of origin **Dir. of Int. Div. III Serv. C.**

Report made at **Washington, D. C.**

Report made by **Gerard F. Treanor, Spec. Agent, CIC.**

Period covered **27 November 1943 to 13 January 1944.**

Character of investigation **Disaffection.**

Status of Case

**P. U. C.**

**REASON FOR INVESTIGATION:**

Investigation in the Military District of Washington, pursuant to a request by the Director, Intelligence Division, Third Service Command, that undeveloped leads contained in case report number III-65932 dated 18 October 1943, be developed.

According to the above mentioned case report, Subject was born in Germany; spent a large portion of his life there; his parents live in Berlin and he may be pro-Nazi.

**SYNOPSIS:**

✓ Subject claims birth in Berlin, Germany on 29 May 1907. (Memo 9) of an American mother and a German father. During the last War he lived in the United States, returning to Germany at the end thereof (Memo 4). Most of his education was received in Germany (Memo 4). From 1932 until 1939, when he came to this country, ALBRECHT was employed by the American Consul General in Berlin, Germany, where he was a thoroughly satisfactory employee (Memos 8,9,10). He came to the United States in 1939 (Memo 8) and has taken out his 1st papers in New York City (unverified see Memo 4). After being employed by the Research Institute of America, Inc. in New York City, Subject worked in the Military Intelligence Division of the War Department at Arlington, Virginia for about eight months, (Memo 7) where he is alleged to have done more than any other single individual to assist in planning air raids on industrial plants throughout Europe (Memo 7). His neighbors, associates and references are unanimous in recommending him highly, and those who feel qualified, state that he is loyal to this country (Memos 1,6,7,8,14,15). Subject is said to be anti-Nazi, (Memos 1,2,3,6,8).

ALBRECHT'S father and mother now reside in Berlin, Germany, (Memos 1,4).

O.N.I. and Local Police and Credit Checks reveal No Record of Subject (Memos 18,19,20)

F.B.I. check reveals No Information (Memo 20)

**CREDIBILITY OF WITNESSES:**

**No comment.**

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Subject: ERIC M. ALBRECHT.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND LEADS:

Routine leads are marginally noted.

This Agent does not recommend that these leads be developed.

MEMOS ATTACHED: 1 - 22.

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ERIC M. ALBRECHT.

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LEADS:

Mrs. William G. Hills, former landlady, interviewed by this Agent at her home, 6319 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland, on 17 December 1943. She stated in substance as follows:

On 22 February 1943 Subject and his wife, Liselotte, came to live at my home. They saw an ad posted in a Peoples Drug Store and answered the same. We became close friends and now we consider them almost part of our family.

ALBRECHT is 6' tall; weighs 175 lbs.; black curly hair; blue eyes and a very hardy appearance. He is a German by birth, but in 1938 took out his first papers in New York City. He lived in this country during the last War, attending a prep school in California. He returned to Germany after the last War. Just prior to 1938, when he came again to this country, Subject was employed by the American Embassy in Berlin. His parents are now living in Berlin, although his mother was born in America.

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ALBRECHT has been highly educated and he speaks several languages fluently. He was inducted into the Army of the United States in 24 June 1943, and prior to that was employed as an Economist by the War Department. At one time he worked for the Research Institute of America Inc. of New York City.

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It is my opinion that Subject is a brilliant man of an excellent character and one who can be trusted with confidential matters. He hates Nazi Germany and is loyal to this country.

Prior to living here Subject resided at 305 W. 74th St., New York City. 2 Sv.C

(2)

Mrs. Martha Shawham, former neighbor, interviewed by this Agent at 6319 Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase, Maryland, on 17 December 1943. She stated in substance as follows:

I have known Subject and his wife, Liselotte for about a year, having met them when they came here to live. At that time Subject was employed by the War Department in Arlington, Virginia.

Subject and his wife were both born in Germany and have both taken out their first papers for American citizenship. In my many conversations with them they expressed a strong dislike for Nazi Germany. Subject and his wife gave every appearance of being very well educated and I know that Subject speaks several languages fluently.

I know of nothing derogatory about Subject and his wife, but I do not feel that I know either of them well enough to appraise their loyalty to this country.

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Mrs. H. Tudor Morsell, former neighbor, 6317 Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase, Maryland, interviewed on 17 December 1943, by this Agent. She stated in substance as follows:

I have lived in this house continuously for over two years but I have no knowledge of Subject or his wife. I do know the Hille family who reside at 6319 Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase, Maryland, but I do not know of anybody else living in the house.

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H. J. Crosson, M.D., uncle, 1746 M St., N.W., Washington, D.C., interviewed on 4 January 1944 by this Agent. He stated in substance as follows:

ERIC ALBRECHT is the son of my sister, Charity Albrecht, and he was born in Berlin, Germany about 35 years ago. His father is German by birth and his mother was born in Minnesota. During the last War he and his mother came to the United States, and while here they lived in California and at my home. While in California Subject attended a prep school, the name of which I cannot recall. At that time Subject was 8 or 9 years old.

At the conclusion of the last War Subject and his mother returned to Germany where Subject lived until about 1938. During that time he received the usual German youth education and afterwards became attached to the United States Consulate General's office in Germany. He had the reputation of having a keen insight into German industrial problems and is alleged to have rendered valuable service to our State Department.

In 1938, while still in the employ of the Consulate General, he came to this country for a short visit and while here took out his first American citizenship papers in New York City. That visit lasted for about two months and he returned to Germany, where he remained until the outbreak of hostilities between Germany and England. With great difficulty he and his wife, who was a German by birth, managed to get out of the country and came to the United States to live permanently. For about two months they lived at my home on M St. N.W., and afterwards moved to New York City, where Subject got a job with the Research Institute of America. It is my opinion that ALBRECHT is a brilliant young man, whose character and reputation are above criticism. However, because of his German background and because his father and mother are still residing in Berlin, I do not feel qualified to state definitely that Subject is loyal to this country. I do know that his father and mother are opposed to the present regime in Germany and that Subject himself has expressed anti Nazi views. I know further that Subject rendered valuable service to our State Department and was entrusted by that organization with many confidential assignments while in Germany. I know nothing that would prove Subject to be disloyal. 2 Sv.C

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Mrs. H. J. Crosson, aunt, 1746 M St. N.W., Washington, D.C., interviewed by this Agent on 4 January 1944. She stated in substance as follows:

Subject is the son of my husband's sister and was born in Germany about 35

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years ago. His father is a German by birth and his mother was born in the United States. During the last War Subject lived with us in Washington, D. C. and returned to Germany at the conclusion of hostilities. Subject has received most of his education in Germany and did not come here again until about 1939.

Prior to 1939 he was employed by the American Consulate in Berlin and I understand that he was of great service to our State Department in Germany.

At the outbreak of the War between Germany and England he and his wife, who is also a German, came to this country to reside permanently. When they first arrived in this country they came here and lived with my husband and me for about two months. Thereafter, Subject obtained employment in New York City, and they went there to live.

I do not feel that I know Subject well enough to state that he is loyal to this country.

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Jules Abels, former roommate, interviewed on 10 January 1944 by this Agent at the offices of the Research Institute of America Inc., 1026 17 St. N.W., Washington, D.C. He stated in substance as follows:

ALBRECHT and I roomed together at 2125 Leroy Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. for about two months in the Fall of 1942. At the time he was employed by the War Department aiding in the plans for future air raids on Germany. Prior to coming to Washington Subject lived in New York City, where he was employed by the Research Institute of America Inc. It was through this concern that we met, for I am employed in the Washington office. I have never worked with ALBRECHT, and my observation of him is based on our associations where we lived together.

ALBRECHT is a brilliant man who received his education in Germany. His parents live in Berlin, but his mother was born in America. On frequent occasions while living with Subject we discussed the present War, and he always expressed anti-Nazi sentiments. I feel absolutely certain that he is loyal to this country, and I believe that he would love to fight against the Germans.

Concerning Subject's character I can say nothing but praise. He always gave every appearance of being honest, discreet and trustworthy.

Without hesitation, I recommend ALBRECHT for a position of confidence and trust.

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Mr. Alfred Bergman, reference and former supervisor, interviewed by this Agent on 21 December 1943 in Room 2B747A, The Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. He stated in substance as follows:

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I am the chief of the Industrial Information Section of M.I.S. For about 8 months in the latter part of 1942 and the early part of 1943, Subject was employed as a consultant by my Division. He was recommended by Raymond Geist of the State Department, who knew Subject when he was attached to the Consulate General's Office in Berlin, Germany.

ALBRECHT is a very decent individual who has a brilliant mind and a keen insight into industrial Germany. He gave us information which enabled the Army Air Forces to bomb many key positions inside Germany. He has done more than any other single individual to assist us in plane raids on industrial plants throughout Europe. He assisted in the preparation of highly important and confidential documents and he always handled the information contained therein in a discreet manner.

His mother and father are both residing in Berlin and I do not think that Subject himself is an American citizen. However, because of the valuable service which he rendered to this office, and because of the connections he has had with the State Department, I have no doubts as to his loyalty to this country.

Because of the nature of the work done in this Section it is my request that you refrain from interviewing anybody else here regarding Subject.

(8)

Nr. Raymond Geist, Chief, Division of Communications and Records, Room 476, Department of State, Washington, D.C., former supervisor of ALBRECHT, interviewed by Special Agent C. W. Townsend on 20 December 1943, stated in substance:

ERIC ALBRECHT was employed at the Consulate General in Berlin where I served as Consul, from approximately 1932 until 1939. In my opinion ALBRECHT was a thoroughly satisfactory employee, and I never heard of the slightest adverse information in regard to him.

At the time ALBRECHT entered our employ, the Nazi Party had not yet attained full power, but during 1933 it became evident to all of us that the Nazis were headed for complete control. As a result, I believe that ALBRECHT's abhorrence of Nazi doctrines became more intensified during this period, and continued its intensity until he returned to this country in the early part of 1939. I further believe that ALBRECHT's return to America was caused by the fact that he along with many other young men who were also not members of the Nazi Party, had become incensed at conditions then existing in Berlin.

I never met any of ALBRECHT's family, but I believe that he was born of an American mother and a German father. I have heard that he was born in Germany, attended primary schools in the United States, and then returned to Germany at an early age. I might add when I was with the Consulate General, it was customary for us to hire many German citizens, whom we naturally preferred to have had some experience in the United States. German citizenship facilitated their work, and also made it more inexpensive for us than if we

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had imported an entire staff of American employees. For example, we paid ALBRECHT a salary of \$960 per annum, which appears small by our standards, but which actually was worth considerably more in Germany at that time.

When ALBRECHT began work for us in Berlin in 1932, his references there had been thoroughly checked and everything was found to be in order. He always appeared extremely loyal to the Consulate, and strongly anti-Nazi. He probably realized that by working for us, he could more readily obtain citizenship in this country. I believe he applied for his first papers in 1938, and I am not positive as to whether or not he has obtained his final papers by now. As I've mentioned before, I think he came over here in the early part of 1939. We owed a debt to men like ALBRECHT and were glad to help them out in their attempts to gain citizenship here.

ALBRECHT was very useful to us in Berlin, and his work dealt largely with economic investigations and surveys. When he came to the United States in 1939, I further believe that a lot of the data he had collected was of great value to the War Department. ALBRECHT worked for a Mr. Bergman in the War Department before he entered the Army. I saw ALBRECHT about two weeks ago and I think he is stationed at some camp near here. I don't know what he is doing, nor am I certain of his rank.

In conclusion I want to reiterate that there was never any question in my mind about ALBRECHT's loyalty. It might interest you to know that at one time we had as many as 300 or 350 German citizens in our employ in Germany. Surprisingly enough, the only suspicion of espionage or of any subversive activity that occurred while I was there, never was directed at the German citizens but at the American citizens who worked for us. ALBRECHT is a capable person, his knowledge of industrial affairs should be valuable to the Army, and he also appeared to me to be thoroughly reliable.

(9)

Miss E. Waples, divisional assistant, Division of Foreign Service Personnel, room 125, Department of State, Washington, D.C., interviewed by Special Agent J.B. Mackay on 16 December 1943, advised, in substance as follows:

ERIC MAXIME ALBRECHT was appointed as a clerk in the Foreign Service at Berlin, Germany on 16 December 1932 at \$960 per annum, and served in that capacity until 3 June 1939 when he voluntarily resigned for an unknown reason.

His record while assigned to the Consulate General in Berlin was very satisfactory, and his work was graded as "excellent". Mr. Raymond Geist, former Foreign Service Officer at Berlin and superior of Subject, stated in an efficiency report dated 31 August 1938 that ALBRECHT was working on commercial investigations at the Consulate General; writing economic reports; assisting visiting merchants in obtaining commercial data, and other work of that nature. Geist described ALBRECHT as an efficient employee who had ability, courage, and a sense of responsibility, and added that Subject was a good contact with the local police. It was noted also by Geist that ALBRECHT's salary had been raised to \$1200, and that Subject was deserving of every penny of that amount.

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An application for position of Foreign Service clerk, submitted by ALBRECHT under date of 18 November 1932, reflected the following information:

Birth: Berlin, Prussia; 29 May 1907

Father: Ernest Wallrecht (1) Albrecht, born at Berlin, 28 January 1877.

Mother: Charity Joy Albrecht, born at Minneapolis, Minnesota, 2 December 1879. 75C

Education: St. Mary High School, Oakland, California, 3 years. WDC

Hindenburg College, Berlin; A.B. Degree.

Technische Hochschule, Charlottenburg, 3 years; economy, law.

Linguistic Ability: German, English, French.

Employment:

March 1932 - September 1932: Hermes Kreditversicherungsbank

A.G., Berlin; salary 200 RM per month; clerical work, business reports, investigations; discharged because of decline of foreign trade.

June 1931-February 1932:

Carl Sasche (1), Olfenrunge G.M.b.H., representatives of Ray Burner Company, San Francisco, California; salary 180 RM per month; general secretarial work; English and French correspondence; resigned voluntarily to accept more responsible position. WDC

September 1929-June, 1931:

Deutsche Transch (1) A.G. für Warenverkehr; official translator of all commercial investigations, business reports English correspondence; paid according to size of work.

References:

Director Eumpert, Berlin

Dr. Fritz Proglar, Berlin

Director S. Schoon, Berlin

Dr. Bohrich, Berlin

Mr. Kurt Jacoty, Berlin

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Mr. Cyrus Follmer, Division of Communications and Records, room 72, Department of State, Washington, D.C., interviewed by Special Agent J.B. Mackey on 18 December 1943, stated, in substance, as follows:

When I was employed by the Department of State in the U.S. Embassy at Berlin, Germany back in the '30's, I became well acquainted with ERIC ALBRECHT who was working there on commercial matters as a clerk.

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ALBRECHT was a good employee and made a satisfactory record, as far as I know. There is one point, however, that made an adverse impression upon my mind, and that was the fact that ALBRECHT was somewhat of a "snooper" and was repeatedly "sticking his nose" into conversations, into papers on desks, and things of that sort, and it became a standing joke around the office that ALBRECHT was trying to be in on everything. He would stay at the office after working hours, too, and I, for one, didn't think that exactly "regular" because most of us like to get away from the office after our working hours are over.

Of course, ALBRECHT may have been the type of person who had an inquiring nature and was in perfectly good faith in trying to find out all he could, so I hesitate to say all these things for fear of giving the wrong impression to you that he might have aroused in me definite suspicions of dishonesty or untrustworthiness. I don't go so far as to say anything of the kind, but, nevertheless, I think he was more or less of a "busy-body".

I don't know much of his background; whom he lived with, or who his parents were, although I do believe his mother was an American citizen. I can't say as to whether he was looked upon as an American citizen or a German citizen, but, according to my observations, he was opposed to the Nazi regime while I knew him. I think it would bear looking into, however, to discover if his father was always a German citizen, because I think you'll agree with me that it would be asking a little too much for any son or daughter to turn completely against the country of his parent. Of course, if ALBRECHT's father died while he was very young, and - if it is true that his mother was born in the United States - it is conceivable that ALBRECHT never could have become very attached to Germany.

There are so many angles about his background that could bring weight to bear upon his actual feelings for the United States, that I believe a check on the parents might be pertinent to your investigation

I suggest that you see Mr. Raymond Geist who was ALBRECHT's superior over in Berlin. I feel that Geist knows ALBRECHT's background better than I, and may be able to help you clear up some of the points we've discussed here.

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Following information was obtained from Division of Foreign Activity Correlation, room 143, Department of State, Washington, D.C. on 30 December 1943:

Under date of 13 November 1938, Mr. John Campbell, writing to State Department on stationery bearing letterhead of "YOUR LIFE", The Kingsway Press, Inc., 354 4th Ave., New York City, New York, noted that in previous months he had written to an old friend, Mrs. Anna Charlton, in Berlin to ascertain the whereabouts of one ERICH ALBRECHT. 25C

Mr. Campbell explained that ALBRECHT had been a school mate in Germany, adding that ALBRECHT's mother was a Californian and his father a German Jew.

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according to what he had been told. Mr. Campbell wished the State Department to transmit a letter to Mrs. Charlton so that he might again try to obtain from her some bit of information in regard to ALBRECHT.

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Mr. Campbell subsequently was informed by State Department that ALBRECHT was in the employment of the Consulate General at Berlin, and resided at Schlutestrasse 43, Berlin-Charlottenburg 4 Berlin, Germany.

There was no record on Charity Joy Crosson Albrecht.

(12)

Henry P. Leverich, European Division, Room 377, Department of State, Washington, D.C., interviewed by Special Agent J.B. Mackey on 10 January 1944, stated in substance as follows:

ERIC ALBRECHT worked under me at the American Consulate General in Berlin for a number of years after I was appointed as vice Consul there in 1933. Being associated in the office day in and day out, I had a pretty good chance to observe his work and actions, and I came to the conclusion that he was an able fellow and one whom I could recommend as being trustworthy and loyal to the United States' interests at the time.

Although he was a German, his mother, I believe, was born in the United States, and I think he talked and acted like he was "on our side". He was supposed to have been hunted by the German Secret Police for something or other, at one time, so I think that would speak well of him from our point of view. One thing I noted was that he was somewhat of an intriguer, and liked to delve into the mysterious, so that might account for his being sought by the police. However, I don't know the details about the incident, and can't vouch for how much there was to it.

I'm sorry to say that I can't give you anything on ALBRECHT's background, and I can't bring you up-to-date on him because I've only seen him once since I came back to this country. However, I feel that I was associated with him in the office at Berlin long enough so that I can give you my opinion that I would trust him in confidential matters and recommend him as to character.

I believe that Raymond Geist here at the Department would know ALBRECHT better than anyone I can remember because he hired ALBRECHT and, I think, knew about his family and his background.

(13)

In an effort to locate Kurt M. Mattusch, former clerk in the U.S. Foreign Service at Berlin, for interview re ERIC ALBRECHT, Special Agent J.B. Mackey contacted Frank Novotny, Division of Foreign Service Administration, room 117, Department of State, Washington, D.C., on 10 January 1944.

Mr. Novotny advised that Mattusch had resigned from the Department as of July 1937, and there was no forwarding address in the office file on him.

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Mr. James Rowan, reference, W.P.B., Social Security Building, 3rd & Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C., interviewed by this Agent on 30 December 1943, concerning Subject. He stated in substance as follows:

Subject was recommended to me by one, Julius Kline of New York City when I was editor of the Iron Age magazine. He was an expert on German industry and he wrote several editorials for the Iron Age magazine on that subject. He was employed by the Research Institute of America Inc. in New York City as an Economist, and he afterwards went to work for the War Department.

ALBRECHT was born in Germany, and prior to coming to this country in 1939, was employed by the American Consulate General's Office in Berlin. According to information received from the State Department, Subject rendered many valuable services to the American Consulate, and was very instrumental in gathering together other German industrialists who have assisted the War Effort of this country materially.

Subject and his wife are anti Nazi, and in my association with them they have always expressed the wish that Germany suffer defeat in this War.

While Subject was employed by the War Department he arranged a number of meetings with military authorities and refugee industrialists, and rendered available to the War Department many facts relative to the positions of key industrial plants within the Reich.

Because of Subject's previous employment with the State Department and with the War Department, and because of his frequent expressions of anti Nazi views, I believe that he is loyal to this country.

In my opinion it is a mistake to keep a man of Subject's caliber and ability a private in the Army when he could be rendering such valuable service in a civilian capacity.

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Mr. Roger Peters, reference and former associate, interviewed on 6 January 1944, by this Agent in Room 5237, Internal Revenue Building, 12th St. and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. He stated in substance as follows:

I first met ALBRECHT in the summer of 1940 when he came to work for the Research Institute of America in New York City as an Economist. I was employed by the same organization and we became friends. I have visited Subject's home and have met his wife. I have met many of their friends, most of whom are German refugees.

Subject and his wife were born in Germany and came to this country to live after the outbreak of the present War. Subject is about 36 years old, 5'10" tall, 170 lbs., has black hair, and dark eyes, and a heavy build. Subject talks very precisely and artificially with a British accent, rather than a German one. Subject is well educated and speaks several languages fluently.

Prior to coming to this country, Subject was employed by the American Consulate General in Berlin. Since coming here, he has been employed by the

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War Department in a very confidential capacity.

Today Subject is at Indian Gap, Pennsylvania and expresses himself as enjoying Army life.

All of Subject's friends are anti-Nazi; all of them are here, as refugees. Subject's father and mother still reside in Berlin. Subject and his wife are both fine people, whose characters are above criticism. However, because of Subject's family connections in Germany I do not believe it can be said definitely that Subject is 100% loyal to this country.

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On 10 January 1944, this Agent attempted to interview Alan Maddren at the offices of the Research Institute of America Inc., 1026 17th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. Information was received to the effect that Maddren was out of the city for an indefinite period on business.

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On 24 December 1943 this Agent reviewed the M.I.S. files concerning Subject. The following pertinent information was contained therein:

Name: ALBRECHT, ERIC MAXINE.

Description: Brown hair; hazel eyes; 5'8 1/2" tall; 173 lbs.; small scar, left side of chest; broken jaw.

Inducted into the Army on 11 June 1943.

Subject is a former officer in the German Army. He first came to the United States when 6 years of age on his mother's papers and remained here in California until December 1922, when he returned to Germany. On 2 May 1938 Subject came to the United States again as a member of the staff of the American Embassy in Berlin. He remained in the District of Columbia six weeks and returned to Germany. On 3 May 1939 Subject came to the United States again with his wife aboard the "Washington".

Subject's parents still reside in Germany and he last heard from them through the Red Cross in April 1943.

Subject's wife was born in Paris, France of German parents. Subject's father Ernst Wilhelm Albrecht is an independent business man of fairly large caliber. He is a German by birth. Subject's father-in-law, Carl Sacke, is a German industrialist.

Subject has risked his life on many occasions to get information for the American Embassy in Germany. Subject came here because he knew the war was inevitable and to get away from those "damned Nazis".

Subject stated when he was being drafted that he hesitated about fighting against Germany.

Subject's service in the German Army was under compulsory military training. Washington, D.C.: Gerard F. Treanor, Special Agent, CIC.

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ing. He was granted a specialists commission and was on active duty for only one day, 17 March 1938. He was then given a years leave, but came to the United States before it was up.

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The files of the Associated Retail Credit Men of Washington, D.C., 1221 G St. N.W., and those of the General American Credits, Inc., 310 Mills Bldg., 17th St. & Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C., were checked on 3 December 1943, by Agent Joseph Dinwiddie, regarding Subject.

The files of these two bureaus do not contain any information regarding Subject.

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On 30 December 1943, the Criminal Records of the Metropolitan Police were checked by Agent H.F. Cook at the New Municipal Center Building, 3rd & Indiana Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C., concerning Subject.

No record of Subject was found.

On 30 December 1943, the Subversive files of the Metropolitan Police were checked by Agent H.F. Cook at the same address concerning Subject.

No record of Subject was found.

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F.B.I. records were checked at the request of this office, and on 26 November 1943 it was reported that no information was had on Subject.

O.N.I. records were checked at the request of this office and of 16 November 1943. No record was had on Subject.

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A review of the records of the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization has been requested through proper channels but as yet no information has been received. Upon receipt all pertinent information will be forwarded.

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On 10 January 1944, the records of the Passport Division, Department of State, Washington, D. C., were checked by Special Agent J. B. Mackey concerning Subject. No record of Subject was found.

Washington, D.C.; Gerard F. Treanor, Special Agent, C1C.  
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ALBRECHT, Eric Maxim

3 October 1947

(Date)

Subject: Eric Maxim ALBRECHT  
ASN 32968626

## Summary of Information:

Born: 29 May 1907 in Berlin, Germany

1. SUBJECT's full name is Felix Eric Maxim ALBRECHT, but he signed his name and was known as Eric Maxim ALBRECHT. His father, Ernst Wilhelm ALBRECHT, was a German industrialist. His mother, Charity Joy Crosson ALBRECHT, was born in the United States. In 1943 the parents were living at 58 Schlosstrasse, Berlin. His wife, Liselotte Saacke ALBRECHT, was born in Paris, France, of German parents. Her father was Carl SAACKE, a German industrialist, who owned a firm in Pforzheim, Germany. ALBRECHT was naturalized on 1 July 1944 at Camp Barkley, Texas. His certificate number was 6391176. (B-2)\*

2. ALBRECHT attended the Herder Preparatory School in Berlin from 1913 to 1915, when he came to the United States with his mother. From 1915 to 1919 he attended St. Joseph's Academy in Oakland, Calif. He attended St. Mary's High School in Oakland from 1919 to 1922, when he returned to Germany. In 1923 and from 1927 to 1928 he attended and was graduated from the Herder and Hindenburg Gymnasium, Berlin. In 1928 and from 1931 to 1932 he attended and was graduated from the Berlin Technological University, Berlin. He specialized in economics and chemical engineering. He had a knowledge of German, French, Danish, Swedish, Norwegian, Dutch, Spanish and English. In Berlin from 1929 to 1932 he worked intermittently as a general clerk, secretary, translator, and investigator. (F-6)\*\*

3. ALBRECHT was employed by the United States Department of State as an economist at the American Embassy in Berlin from 1935 to 1939. From 1935 to 1938 he was an honorary board member and part-time consultant for the German Society of Chemical Engineers, Berlin. In 1938 he was in the United States for six weeks, at which time he took out his first naturalization papers. In 1938 he was called to active duty in the German Army as a commissioned specialist. After one day of active duty he was given military leave until January 1940 to seek employment in the United States.

Evaluation (B-2)\*

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4. ALBRECHT and his wife arrived in New York City on 3 May 1939. After his arrival ALBRECHT wrote articles for the Iron Age Magazine, 1 Pershing Square, New York City. From July 1940 to October 1942 he was employed as an editor by the Research Institute of America, 292 Madison Avenue, New York City. From October 1942 to June 1943 he worked for the Foreign Industrial Intelligence Section of the War Department, Washington, D. C., as an expert consultant. His address was 6319 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Chevy Chase, Md. (B-2)\*

5. ALBRECHT was inducted into the United States Army 11 June 1943 in New York City. He was investigated in September 1943 and from November 1943 to January 1944. The investigations did not reveal any derogatory information. He appeared loyal to the United States and anti-Nazi. He had at one time been reluctant to fight against Germany because his parents were living in Germany, but he said he would obey orders. On 6 April 1945 he arrived in France for CIC duty. He was honorably discharged 19 October 1945 at Etampes, France. (B-2)\*

6. ALBRECHT was sworn in as a civilian employee of the War Department in Frankfurt, Germany, on 20 October 1945. He admitted that on 14 August 1946 he attended a conference of German business men which was not in line with his duties as a War Department employee. The meeting, in the Russian zone of Berlin, was held by the business men to discuss the opening of branches of their businesses in the American zone. Peter MARGARITOFF, a partner of one of the firms represented, the Ost-Handelgesellschaft, was suspected of being a Russian spy. In October 1946 ALBRECHT and his wife were reportedly living in Berlin in the same house that he had maintained as a German citizen before the war. Before the expiration of his contract with the War Department, ALBRECHT applied for accreditation as a correspondent for the publications of the Research Institute of America. He said if he obtained accreditation he would be able to collect a great deal of important information which he could pass on to the CIC in exchange for their aid in obtaining his accreditation. The approval was denied because the publications he wished to represent were not public media. His contract expired on 15 February 1947. AMG did not wish to re-employ him. He was described as an opportunist and reportedly had represented himself falsely as an intelligence agent. (B-2)\*

\* B-2: Usually reliable source, probably true information

\*\* F-6: Reliability of source unknown, truth of information cannot be judged

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : GUY MCITTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: ERICH M. ALBRECHT

DATE: March 18, 1949

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Erich Maxim Albrecht

There is being transmitted herewith a copy of a report concerning the above captioned subject which was received in this office from MARSHALL L. HARRISON, Captain, QMC, Assistant Chief, C. I. Branch, G-2. This office does not have any interest in this matter at this time, however, it is thought that possibly the Bureau may want to advise CIA of this information.

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## SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

DATE

10 March 1949

PREPARING OFFICE

116th CIC Detachment, Military District of Washington

SUBJECT

ALBRECHT, Erich Maxim  
6319 Connecticut Avenue  
Chevy Chase, Maryland

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

Files of this Headquarters contain an Intelligence Field File which reflects the following information regarding Erich M. ALBRECHT:

Erich Maxim ALBRECHT was born on 29 May 1907 in Berlin, Germany. He first came to the United States in approximately 1917 with his American-born mother. He remained in the United States until 1922 when he and his mother returned to Germany. During his stay in the United States, SUBJECT resided in California. He was a minor and traveled on his mother's passport. He attended St. Mary's High School in Oakland, California, and later attended a technical college in Berlin, Germany, where he graduated with an M. S. degree. From 1932 to 1939 SUBJECT, a German civilian, was employed by the United States Embassy in Berlin as an economist. He analyzed taxation, industrial production and other phases of Germany economy which were of military interest. In 1938 he returned to the United States for six weeks, applied for his first citizenship papers and then returned to Germany. In 1938 he was called to Active Duty in the German Army as a commissioned specialist. After one day of Active Duty he was given Military Leave until January 1940 in order to obtain employment in the United States. In 1939 he returned to the United States because, according to SUBJECT, he had certain knowledge that war was going to break out and he wanted to get away from the war and the Nazis. He spent several months in New York writing articles for the "Iron Age" and other periodicals, and then joined the staff of the Research Institute of America in New York City. In December 1942 he was employed by the Department of the Army, and remained employed there until his induction in the Army of the United States. He worked under Alfred Bergman, Chief of Army Service Forces Intelligence; Col. J. E. Butterworth, Chief of the Conservation Branch of the Department of the Army; and Raymond Geist, Chief of the Division of Commercial Affairs of the Department of State.

SUBJECT was inducted into the Army of the United States in September 1943, was assigned to the Counter Intelligence Corps, and served in the European Theater. He was discharged in Germany and sworn in on 20 October 1946 as a United States civilian employee at Frankfurt, Germany. On 14 August 1948, SUBJECT attended a business conference of German businessmen whose firms were in the Russian Zone of Berlin. The purpose of the meeting was apparently to make plans for opening branches of the firms in the American Zone. Peter Margaritoff, a partner in one of the firms (Ost-Handelsgesellschaft), was expected to appear at the conference, but he did not attend. Margaritoff was suspected of being a Russian Espionage Agent.

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ALBRECHT later admitted that his attendance at the meeting was not in keeping with his duties as a Department of the Army employee. He was reported to be a personal friend of one of the civilian drivers in the motor pool of the organization for which he worked. The driver, who lived in the Russian Zone, was discharged for being a trouble-maker. In October 1946 SUBJECT was reported to be living with his wife in the same home he had maintained while living in Berlin as a German citizen.

SUBJECT's contract expired 15 February 1947 and he was returned to the Zone of the Interior. His re-employment with Military Government was termed undesirable, and he is not recommended for further duty with the Counter Intelligence Corps. He was described as an opportunist and was reported to have represented himself falsely as an Intelligence Agent. Before the expiration of his contract, ALBRECHT applied for accreditation as the Berlin correspondent of the Research Institute of America. The Research Institute was reportedly an economic intelligence organization operated exclusively for the benefit of several large business firms in the United States. ALBRECHT said that if he obtained accreditation, it would enable him to collect a great deal of valuable information which he would pass on to the Counter Intelligence Corps in exchange for their aid in obtaining the approval. SUBJECT's accreditation was denied on the ground that the publication he intended to represent was not a public media.

Members of ALBRECHT's family have included high-ranking German Army Officers and persons interested in large-scale business operations in Germany. Members of his wife's family have been associated with heavy industry in Germany.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2, INTELLIGENCE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C. 019278

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24 November 1950

TO: Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Attn: Liaison Officer  
FROM: Chief, Operations Branch, Security & Training Division  
SUBJECT: ALBRECHT, Eric Maxime

A review of the appropriate records of The Adjutant General, Department of the Army, revealed that the individual described below has no current military status:

NAME: ALBRECHT, Eric Maxime

ASN: 32968626

DATE OF BIRTH: 29 May 1907

PLACE OF BIRTH: Berlin, Germany

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 6319 Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase, Md.

DATE OF DISCHARGE: 19 Oct 1945

ALLEGATION: Pro-Communist

SOURCE: 2nd Army

Information on the allegation is ~~xxx~~ reflected in the files of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Department of the Army.

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